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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-13, 19, and 21 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicants AMEND claim 19 and CANCEL claims 18 and 20.

Applicants greatly appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 1-13 are allowed and claims 19 and 21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner rejected claims 18 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arai et al. (U.S. 5,291,065).

Claims 18 and 20 have been canceled rendering the above rejection moot. Claim 19 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the features of base claim 18. Accordingly, claim 19 is allowable. Claim 21 depends from claim 19, and is therefore allowable for at least the reasons that claim 19 is allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

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